

CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT TO PREVENT OBSTRUCTING THE PASSAGE OF FISH IN
HIAWASSEE RIVER.*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

Unlawful to ob-
struct more than
three-fourths of
Hiawassee river.

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make, construct or build any dam, drag-net or seine across more than three-fourths of Hiawassee river in this state, so as to prevent or hinder the free passage of fish in said river.

One-fourth to be
kept open for free
passage of fish.

SEC. 2. That any person or persons making or using any dam, drag-net or seine in said river, shall leave open and unobstructed to the free passage of fish at least one-fourth of said river, in width, on the side most favorable to the passage of fish.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons offending against the provisions of this statute shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court having jurisdiction of the same, shall be fined not more than ten dollars for each twenty-four hours said river is so obstructed, one-half to the use of the school fund, the other half to the use of the county in which such violation occurs.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. All laws in conflict with this statute are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Read three times in the general assembly, and ratified this the 20th day of January, A. D. 1881.